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Dear Mr. Langdon,

Thank you for your action mailed 3/28/2008.

I refer to our telephone conversation on 4/17/2008.

Please see below currently amended claim 18, cancelled claim 19, previously presented claims 20, 21, claims 22 and 23 (both where numbering in the claim has been amended), and previously presented claims 24, 25 and 26 below.

The prior art by Young in US 5667122 which you cited as a device for transporting film refers to a fabric moving machine. I brought this to your attention during our phone conversation. You assured me that the inclusion of a shutter in claim 1 would differentiate from this.

In claim 18 I have named element (2) for piercing film (5) a point (2) which discreetly pierces film (5). A point such as a needle point is the most efficient shape for piercing and does not need to leave a visible hole in the film. It also makes less noise than other shapes when piercing because of the needle shape, an important consideration for movie cameras which have to be quiet for sound recording. I wrote "discreetly piercing" because a fine point does not make a hole because the film microscopically fills out again. The point may pierce one surface of the film without piercing through the film in one or more embodiments or it may pierce through the film in another embodiment which is why I wrote "piercing at least one surface of said film." Punching holes, which is making perforations is completely different, makes noise and leaves film refuse from the punched holes.

Claim 25 refers to a mechanical element (7) moving into place while film (5) is being transported so that it may hold film (5) steady during exposure to light. It is mechanically separated from film (5) just before film (5) is transported again.

I checked the specification which you allowed which is still appropriate despite my

amendments to claim 18. I have introduced no new inventive matter into my claims.

I enclose the certified priority document from the German patent office.

Yours sincerely,



Roger Field

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Form for Request For Continued
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priority document.